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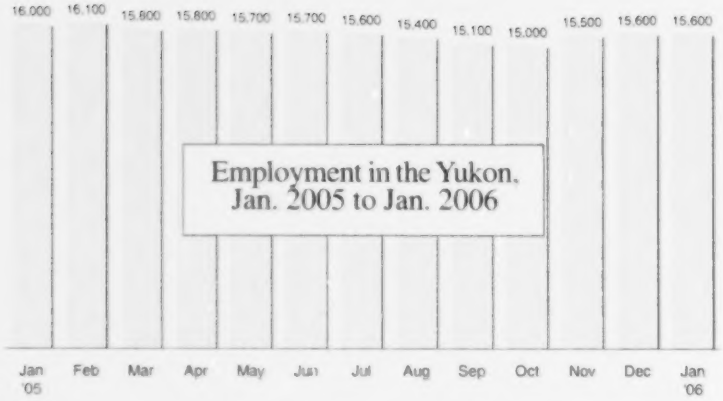
Yukon Employment

January 2006



Yukon's labour force decreased 500 from January 2005 (16,800) to January 2006 (16,300). Of the January 2006 figure, 15,600 or 95.1% were employed and 800 or 4.9% were unemployed. One year ago, in January 2005, there were 16,800 individuals in the labour force of whom 16,000 or 94.6% were employed and 900 or 5.4% were unemployed.

January 2006
Employment at a glance:

• Labour force:	16,300
• Employment:	15,600
• Unemployment:	800
• Unemployment rate:	4.9%
-Last month	*4.3%*
-One year ago	*5.4%*

Figures From Across Canada

	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Yukon	**15,600**	**800**	**4.9%**
Canada	16,321,000	1,152,500	6.6%
Newfoundland & Labrador	209,300	41,500	16.5%
P.E.I.	68,700	8,300	10.8%
Nova Scotia	442,800	37,600	7.8%
New Brunswick	358,700	34,900	8.9%
Quebec	3,746,300	345,700	8.4%
Ontario	6,449,000	448,400	6.5%
Manitoba	586,300	26,600	4.3%
Saskatchewan	482,900	26,400	5.2%
Alberta	1,810,200	65,400	3.5%
B.C.	2,166,900	117,600	5.1%

This table shows that Yukon ranks third in the country in its unemployment rate (4.9%). Alberta's unemployment rate (3.5%) was lowest, while Newfoundland's rate (16.5%) ranked #11.

Note: the NWT's figure of 5.0% is available only as an "unadjusted" estimate and therefore is not included in this table of seasonally adjusted data. Nunavut figures are not available.

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Yukon's Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate has remained relatively stable and low over the past year. The following changes have occurred on a month to month basis:

	Percentage points *
• January to February	-0.1
• February to March	-0.5
• March to April	0.0
• April to May	0.0
• May to June	1.7
• June to July	-1.7
• July to August	1.3
• August to September	-1.1
• September to October	0.1
• October to November	-0.8
• November to December	0.0
• December to January '06	0.6

* *percentage point is the actual numerical difference between two percentages, such as: 10% - 8% = 2 percentage points.*

What is the unemployment rate, and how is it calculated?

The unemployment rate shows the relationship between the number of unemployed and the labour force. The labour force includes those individuals 15 years of age and older who are either employed or unemployed but looking for work. The higher the value of the unemployment rate, the greater the number of individuals unemployed as compared to the labour force.

The survey which estimates the Yukon's unemployment rate, the Labour Force Survey or LFS, has been in operation in the Yukon since January 1992.

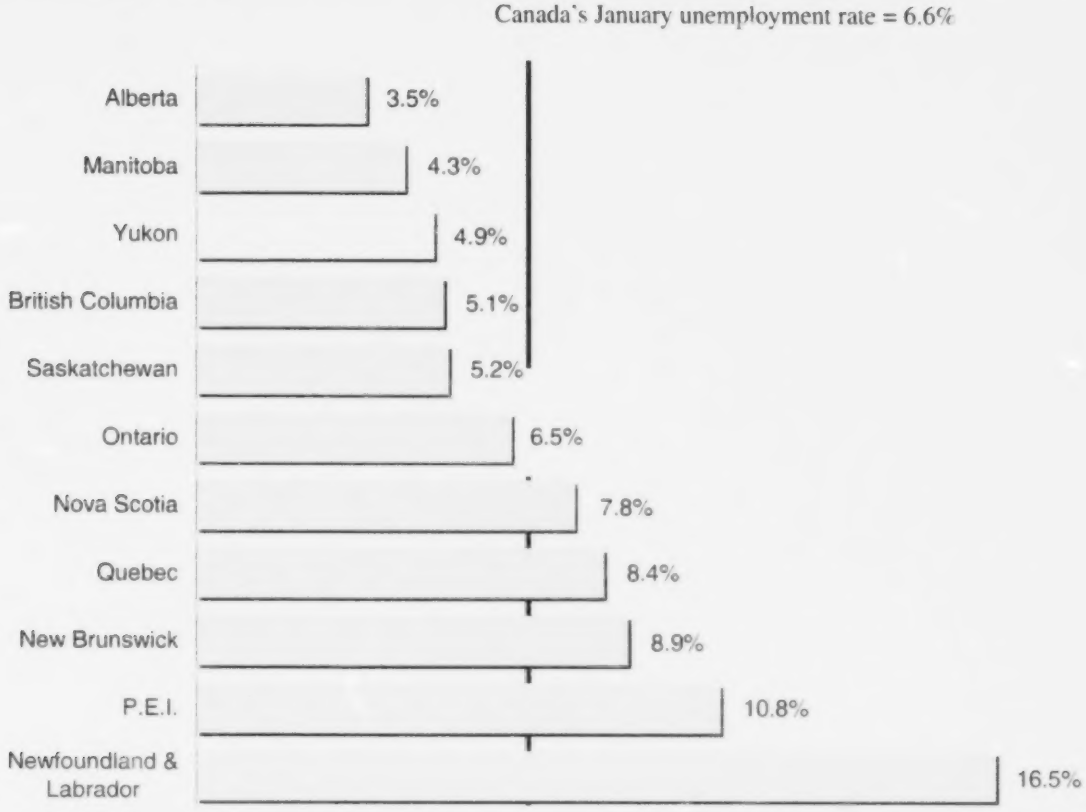
Over the last 14 years the average unemployment rate for January has been 9.3%.

Looking at the change in the unemployment rate between December and January in previous years, since 1992 the rate has fallen 4 times and risen 7 times, and remained the same three times.

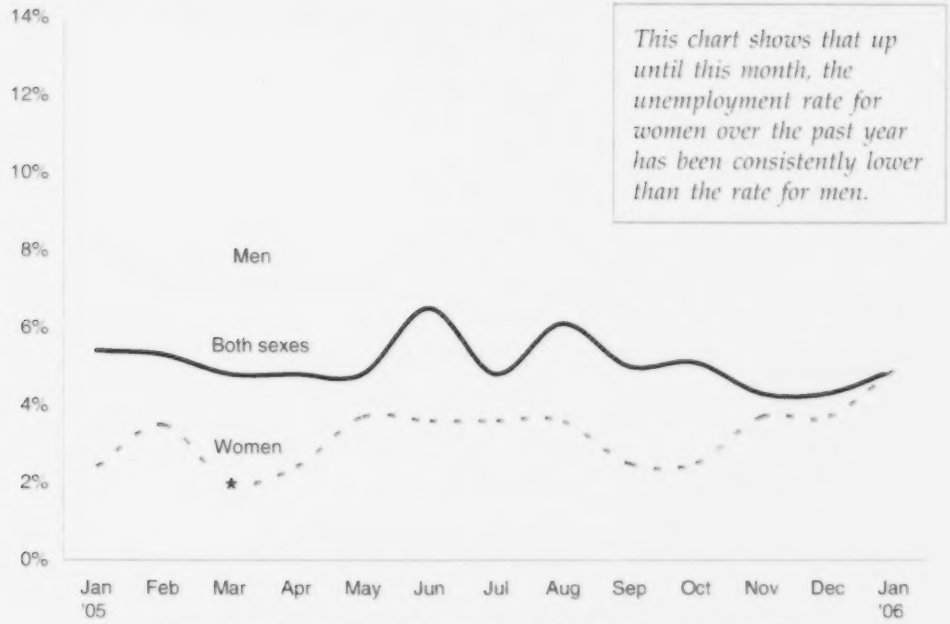
	December	January*	Change
2005	4.3%	4.9%	0.6%
2004	4.8%	5.4%	0.6%
2003	7.8%	7.1%	-0.7%
2002	8.6%	8.7%	0.1%
2001	8.6%	8.5%	-0.1%
2000	12.0%	12.5%	0.5%
1999	10.5%	10.5%	0.0%
1998	12.3%	12.2%	-0.1%
1997	9.6%	9.7%	0.1%
1996	9.6%	12.6%	3.0%
1995	9.8%	8.6%	-1.2%
1994	7.1%	7.1%	0.0%
1993	11.4%	11.4%	0.0%
1992	8.1%	10.3%	2.2%
Average 1993 to 2006	**8.9%**	**9.3%**	**0.4%**

**note: of the following year*

Unemployment rates: Canada, Provinces and Yukon - January 2006



Monthly Unemployment Rates for the Yukon Labour Force Aged 15 and Over



This chart shows that up until this month, the unemployment rate for women over the past year has been consistently lower than the rate for men.

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Yukon's Labour Force Aged 15 and Over Continued ...

		Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2006	Jan	16,300	8,200	8,100	15,600	7,900	7,700	800	400	400
2005	Dec	16,200	8,100	8,100	15,600	7,700	7,800	700	400	300
	Nov	16,200	8,000	8,200	15,500	7,600	7,900	700	400	300
	Oct	15,800	7,900	7,900	15,000	7,300	7,800	800	600	200
	Sep	15,900	7,900	8,000	15,100	7,400	7,800	800	500	200
	Aug	16,400	8,100	8,300	15,400	7,300	8,000	1,000	700	300
	Jul	16,500	8,200	8,300	15,600	7,700	8,000	800	500	300
	Jun	16,800	8,400	8,400	15,700	7,700	8,000	1,100	700	300
	May	16,500	8,400	8,200	15,700	7,800	7,900	800	600	300
	Apr	16,700	8,400	8,300	15,800	7,800	8,000	800	600	200
	Mar	16,600	8,400	8,200	15,800	7,800	8,100	800	600	*
	Feb	17,000	8,400	8,600	16,100	7,800	8,300	900	600	300
	Jan	16,800	8,400	8,400	16,000	7,800	8,200	900	700	200
2004	Jan	15,400	7,900	7,600	14,300	7,100	7,200	1,100	800	300
2003	Jan	15,000	7,600	7,400	13,700	6,600	7,000	1,300	1,000	300
2002	Jan	15,300	7,800	7,500	14,000	6,800	7,200	1,300	1,100	300
2001	Jan	15,200	7,700	7,500	13,400	6,400	7,000	1,900	1,300	500
2000	Jan	15,200	7,700	7,500	13,600	6,600	7,000	1,600	1,100	400
1999	Jan	15,600	8,200	7,400	13,700	6,900	6,800	1,900	1,400	600
1998	Jan	15,500	8,200	7,400	14,000	7,200	6,800	1,500	1,000	600
1997	Jan	15,900	8,600	7,400	14,000	7,300	6,700	2,000	1,300	600
1996	Jan	15,200	8,400	6,800	13,900	7,500	6,500	1,300	900	300
1995	Jan	14,100	7,600	6,500	13,100	6,800	6,300	1,000	900	200
1994	Jan	14,000	7,700	6,400	12,400	6,500	5,900	1,600	1,100	500
1993	Jan	14,600	7,900	6,700	13,100	6,800	6,300	1,500	1,100	400
1992	Jan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Average Jan. 1993 to 2006		**15,300**	**8,000**	**7,300**	**13,900**	**7,000**	**6,900**	**1,400**	**1,000**	**400**

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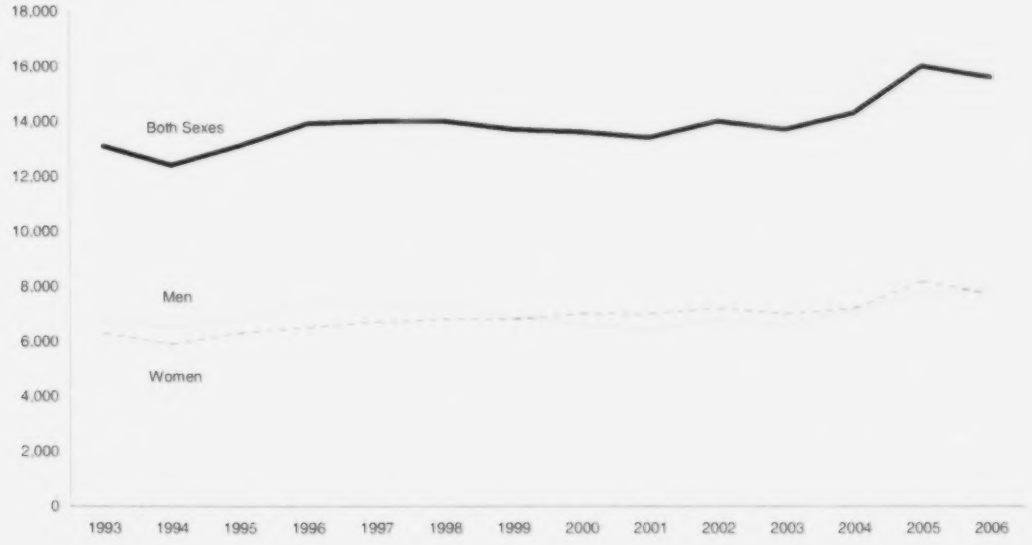
Number of Employed for January, 15 and over, 1993 to 2006



Yukon's Labour Force, Aged 25 and Over

		Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2006	Jan	13,300	6,800	6,600	12,900	6,500	6,400	400	200	200
2005	Dec	13,300	6,700	6,500	12,900	6,500	6,500	200	200	*
	Nov	13,200	6,600	6,600	12,800	6,300	6,500	400	200	200
	Oct	13,100	6,400	6,700	12,500	6,000	6,500	600	400	200
	Sep	13,100	6,400	6,700	12,600	6,000	6,600	500	400	200
	Aug	13,500	6,500	7,000	12,800	6,000	6,800	700	500	200
	Jul	13,500	6,600	6,900	13,100	6,300	6,800	400	300	*
	Jun	13,700	6,800	6,900	13,000	6,300	6,700	700	500	200
	May	13,500	6,900	6,700	12,900	6,400	6,500	600	500	200
	Apr	13,700	6,900	6,800	13,100	6,500	6,600	600	400	200
	Mar	13,600	6,900	6,800	13,200	6,500	6,700	400	300	*
	Feb	13,900	6,900	7,100	13,400	6,500	6,900	500	300	200
	Jan	13,800	6,800	7,000	13,200	6,400	6,800	600	400	200
2004	Jan	13,000	6,500	6,500	12,100	6,000	6,200	900	500	300
2003	Jan	12,900	6,600	6,400	11,900	5,800	6,100	1,000	700	300
2002	Jan	12,700	6,400	6,300	11,600	5,600	6,100	1,100	800	300
2001	Jan	13,200	6,700	6,500	11,800	5,800	6,000	1,400	900	500
2000	Jan	13,300	6,800	6,600	12,000	5,900	6,100	1,300	900	400
1999	Jan	13,400	6,900	6,500	11,700	5,800	5,900	1,700	1,100	600
1998	Jan	13,400	7,000	6,400	12,100	6,300	5,800	1,300	700	600
1997	Jan	13,800	7,300	6,500	12,200	6,300	5,800	1,600	1,000	600
1996	Jan	13,100	7,100	6,000	12,200	6,500	5,700	1,000	600	300
1995	Jan	12,400	6,600	5,800	11,600	5,900	5,700	800	600	200
1994	Jan	12,100	6,400	5,600	10,800	5,700	5,100	1,300	800	500
1993	Jan	12,300	6,500	5,700	11,000	5,700	5,300	1,300	900	400
1992	Jan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Average Jan. 1993 to 2006		**13,100**	**6,700**	**6,300**	**11,900**	**6,000**	**5,900**	**1,100**	**700**	**400**

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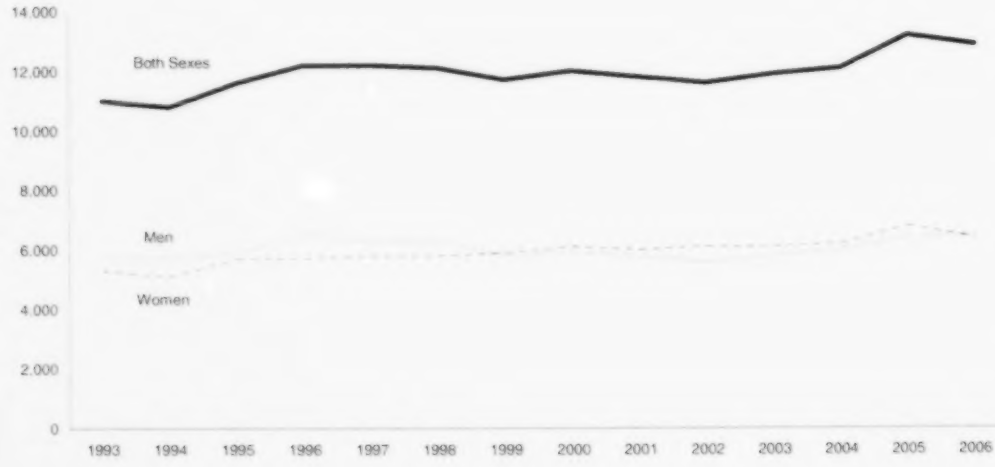

Yukon's Unemployment Rate

		15 years and older Unemployment Rate (%)			25 years and older Unemployment Rate (%)		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2006	Jan	4.9	4.9	4.9	3.0	2.9	3.0
2005	Dec	4.3	4.9	3.7	1.5	3.0	*
	Nov	4.3	5.0	3.7	3.0	3.0	3.0
	Oct	5.1	7.6	2.5	4.6	6.3	3.0
	Sep	5.0	6.3	2.5	3.8	6.3	3.0
	Aug	6.1	8.6	3.6	5.2	7.7	2.9
	Jul	4.8	6.1	3.6	3.0	4.5	*
	Jun	6.5	8.3	3.6	5.1	7.4	2.9
	May	4.8	7.1	3.7	4.4	7.2	3.0
	Apr	4.8	7.1	2.4	4.4	5.8	2.9
	Mar	4.8	7.1	*	2.9	4.3	*
	Feb	5.3	7.1	3.5	3.6	4.3	2.8
	Jan	5.4	8.3	2.4	4.3	5.9	2.9
2004	Jan	7.1	10.1	3.9	6.9	7.7	4.6
2003	Jan	8.7	13.2	4.1	7.8	10.6	4.7
2002	Jan	8.5	14.1	4.0	8.7	12.5	4.8
2001	Jan	12.5	16.9	6.7	10.6	13.4	7.7
2000	Jan	10.5	14.3	5.3	9.8	13.2	6.1
1999	Jan	12.2	17.1	8.1	12.7	15.9	9.2
1998	Jan	9.7	12.2	8.1	9.7	10.0	9.4
1997	Jan	12.6	15.1	8.1	11.6	13.7	9.2
1996	Jan	8.6	10.7	4.4	7.6	8.5	5.0
1995	Jan	7.1	11.8	3.1	6.5	9.1	3.4
1994	Jan	11.4	14.3	7.8	10.7	12.5	8.9
1993	Jan	10.3	13.9	6.0	10.6	13.8	7.0
1992	Jan	..	..	..	..	..	..
Average Jan. 1993 to 2006		**9.3**	**12.6**	**5.5**	**8.6**	**10.7**	**6.1**

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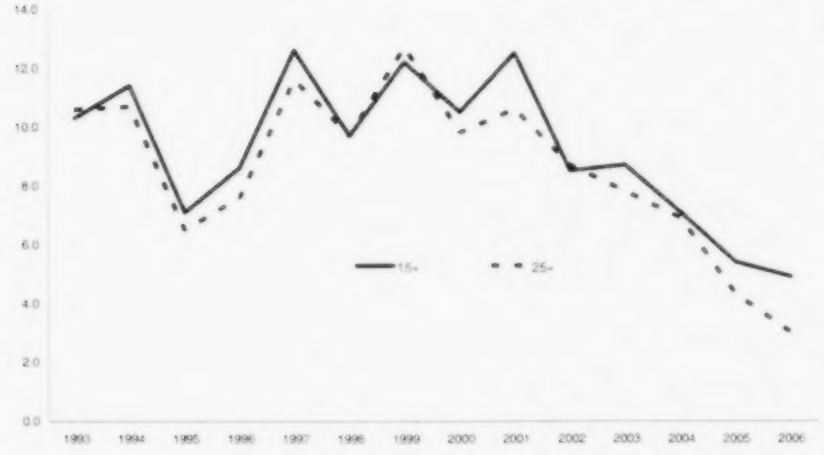
Yukon's January Unemployment Rate 1993 to 2006



Yukon's Employment - *seasonally unadjusted*

A word about "adjusted" vs. "unadjusted" ...
The statistics on the next 5 pages are "seasonally unadjusted", as opposed to the figures on pages 1 through 6 which are "seasonally adjusted".

"Seasonally adjusted" refers to the technique of adjusting the "raw" figures to remove seasonal movements (*see page 12 for further explanation*). As such, "seasonally adjusted" employment figures are widely used and quoted as they are considered to be a more accurate picture of the current employment situation than the "raw", or "unadjusted" figures.

Some of the variables mentioned in the next 5 pages are available only in the "unadjusted" format, while others are available both as "adjusted" and "unadjusted". Comparisons between the "adjusted" and "unadjusted" series should not be made.

Yukon's Labour Force Characteristics (*unadjusted*)

		Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in Labour Force	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Employment Rate
						%		
2006	Jan	15,900	15,100	800	5,700	5.0	73.6	69.9
2005	Dec	15,900	15,300	700	5,600	4.4	74.0	71.2
	Nov	16,000	15,300	700	5,400	4.4	74.4	71.2
	Oct	16,100	15,300	700	5,400	4.3	74.9	71.2
	Sep	16,500	15,800	700	5,000	4.2	76.7	73.5
	Aug	17,100	16,200	900	4,400	5.3	79.5	75.3
	Jul	17,000	16,300	800	4,500	4.7	79.1	75.8
	Jun	16,800	15,800	1,000	4,700	6.0	78.1	73.5
	May	16,300	15,300	900	5,300	5.5	75.8	71.2
	Apr	16,200	15,300	900	5,300	5.6	75.3	71.2
	Mar	16,100	15,300	900	5,400	5.6	74.5	70.8
	Feb	16,500	15,500	1,000	5,100	6.1	76.4	71.8
	Jan	16,400	15,400	1,000	5,200	6.1	75.9	71.3
2004	Jan	15,100	13,800	1,300	5,900	8.6	71.9	65.7
2003	Jan	14,900	13,200	1,700	5,500	11.4	73.4	65.0
2002	Jan	15,000	13,400	1,600	4,900	10.7	75.4	67.3
2001	Jan	15,100	13,000	2,100	4,700	13.9	76.3	65.7
2000	Jan	15,000	13,200	1,900	4,900	12.7	75.4	66.3
1999	Jan	15,500	13,200	2,200	4,400	14.2	77.9	66.3
1998	Jan	15,200	13,500	1,700	4,900	11.2	75.6	67.2
1997	Jan	15,800	13,500	2,300	4,300	14.6	78.6	67.2
1996	Jan	14,900	13,400	1,500	4,500	10.1	77.2	69.4
1995	Jan	13,800	12,600	1,200	4,800	8.7	74.6	68.1
1994	Jan	13,800	12,000	1,900	4,600	13.8	74.6	64.9
1993	Jan	14,300	12,500	1,700	4,400	11.9	76.5	66.8
1992	Jan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Average Jan. 1993 to 2006		**15,100**	**13,400**	**1,600**	**4,900**	**10.9**	**75.5**	**67.2**

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Full-time and Part-time Employment

		Total Employed	Full-time	% of all employed	Part-time	% of all employed
2006	Jan	15,100	12,000	79.5%	3,100	20.5%
2005	Dec	15,300	12,300	80.4%	3,000	19.6%
	Nov	15,300	12,700	83.0%	2,700	17.6%
	Oct	15,300	12,900	84.3%	2,400	15.7%
	Sep	15,800	13,500	85.4%	2,300	14.6%
	Aug	16,200	14,000	86.4%	2,200	13.6%
	Jul	16,300	14,100	86.5%	2,100	12.9%
	Jun	15,800	13,600	86.1%	2,200	13.9%
	May	15,300	13,200	86.3%	2,100	13.7%
	Apr	15,300	13,000	85.0%	2,300	15.0%
	Mar	15,300	13,100	85.6%	2,200	14.4%
	Feb	15,500	13,000	83.9%	2,500	16.1%
	Jan	15,400	12,800	83.1%	2,600	16.9%
2004	Jan	13,800	11,500	83.3%	2,300	16.7%
2003	Jan	13,200	11,000	83.3%	2,200	16.7%
2002	Jan	13,400	10,700	79.9%	2,700	20.1%
2001	Jan	13,000	10,400	80.0%	2,500	19.2%
2000	Jan	13,200	10,400	78.8%	2,800	21.2%
1999	Jan	13,200	10,600	80.3%	2,600	19.7%
1998	Jan	13,500	11,100	82.2%	2,400	17.8%
1997	Jan	13,500	11,100	82.2%	2,400	17.8%
1996	Jan	13,400	11,000	82.1%	2,400	17.9%
1995	Jan	12,600	10,500	83.3%	2,100	16.7%
1994	Jan	12,000	9,900	82.5%	2,100	17.5%
1993	Jan	12,500	10,500	84.0%	2,100	16.8%
1992	Jan	..	..	..	..	..
Average Jan. 1993 to 2006		**13,400**	**11,000**	**82.1%**	**2,500**	**18.7%**

Employment in Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Employed	Goods-Producing Industries	Service-Producing Industries
2006	Jan	15,100	1,900	13,200
2005	Dec	15,300	1,900	13,400
	Nov	15,300	1,900	13,500
	Oct	15,300	2,000	13,400
	Sep	15,800	2,100	13,700
	Aug	16,200	2,200	14,100
	Jul	16,300	2,100	14,200
	Jun	15,800	1,800	14,000
	May	15,300	1,800	13,600
	Apr	15,300	1,600	13,700
	Mar	15,300	1,500	13,700
	Feb	15,500	1,600	13,900
	Jan	15,400	1,500	13,900

		Total Employed	Goods-Producing Industries	Service-Producing Industries
2004	Jan	13,800	1,200	12,600
2003	Jan	13,200	1,400	11,800
2002	Jan	13,400	1,500	11,900
2001	Jan	13,000	1,400	11,500
2000	Jan	13,200	1,300	11,900
1999	Jan	13,200	1,400	11,800
1998	Jan	13,500	2,000	11,500
1997	Jan	13,500	2,100	11,400
1996	Jan	13,400	2,200	11,200
1995	Jan	12,600	1,600	11,000
1994	Jan	12,000	1,300	10,600
1993	Jan	12,500	1,900	10,600
1992	Jan	..	..	..
Average Jan. 1993 to 2006		**13,400**	**1,600**	**11,800**

Public and Private Sector Employment

		Total Employed	Public Sector*	Private Sector		
			Employees	Employees	Self-Employed	Total Private Sector
2006	Jan	15,100	5,900	6,600	2,500	9,100
2005	Dec	15,300	5,900	6,500	2,900	9,400
	Nov	15,300	5,900	6,700	2,700	9,400
	Oct	15,300	5,800	7,000	2,500	9,500
	Sep	15,800	6,200	7,200	2,400	9,600
	Aug	16,200	6,300	7,500	2,400	9,900
	Jul	16,300	6,300	7,200	2,700	9,900
	Jun	15,800	6,000	7,100	2,700	9,800
	May	15,300	5,800	6,800	2,700	9,500
	Apr	15,300	5,900	6,700	2,600	9,300
	Mar	15,300	5,900	6,700	2,700	9,400
	Feb	15,500	6,000	6,800	2,700	9,500
	Jan	15,400	5,800	6,900	2,700	9,600
2004	Jan	13,800	5,400	6,400	2,100	8,500
2003	Jan	13,200	5,300	5,900	2,100	8,000
2002	Jan	13,400	5,600	5,500	2,400	7,900
2001	Jan	13,000	5,700	4,500	2,800	7,300
2000	Jan	13,200	5,600	5,000	2,600	7,600
1999	Jan	13,200	5,800	5,300	2,200	7,500
1998	Jan	13,500	5,200	6,500	1,800	8,300
1997	Jan	13,500	4,800	6,300	2,400	8,700
1996	Jan	13,400	4,800	6,300	2,300	8,600
1995	Jan	12,600	4,700	5,500	2,400	7,900
1994	Jan	12,000	4,900	5,200	1,800	7,000
1993	Jan	12,500	4,800	5,900	1,800	7,700
1992	Jan	..	..	..	..	..
Average Jan. 1993 to 2006		**13,400**	**5,300**	**5,800**	**2,300**	**8,100**

* *includes Federal, Territorial, Municipal and First Nation Band Office employment*

Labour Force

		By age			By sex & age				% Change Jan/05 to Jan/06
					Men		Women		
		15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+	Both
2006	Jan	15,900	2,700	13,100	7,900	6,600	8,000	6,600	15+ -3.0%
2005	Dec	15,900	2,700	13,200	7,900	6,600	8,000	6,600	15-24 -6.9%
	Nov	16,000	2,800	13,300	8,000	6,600	8,000	6,600	25+ -3.7%
	Oct	16,100	2,700	13,300	8,100	6,600	8,000	6,700	
	Sep	16,500	3,100	13,400	8,400	6,700	8,200	6,700	
	Aug	17,100	3,400	13,700	8,500	6,700	8,600	7,000	Men
	Jul	17,000	3,300	13,700	8,500	6,700	8,500	7,000	15+ -1.3%
	Jun	16,800	3,100	13,700	8,400	6,800	8,400	6,900	25+ 0.0%
	May	16,300	2,800	13,400	8,200	6,800	8,000	6,700	
	Apr	16,200	2,700	13,500	8,100	6,700	8,100	6,700	Women
	Mar	16,100	2,800	13,300	8,100	6,600	8,100	6,700	15+ -4.8%
	Feb	16,500	2,800	13,600	8,000	6,600	8,500	7,000	25+ -5.7
	Jan	16,400	2,900	13,600	8,000	6,600	8,400	7,000	

Employed

		By age			By sex & age			
					Men		Women	
		15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
2006	Jan	15,100	2,400	12,700	7,500	6,300	7,600	6,400
2005	Dec	15,300	2,400	12,800	7,600	6,400	7,700	6,500
	Nov	15,300	2,500	12,900	7,600	6,400	7,700	6,500
	Oct	15,300	2,600	12,800	7,600	6,200	7,800	6,500
	Sep	15,800	2,800	13,000	7,900	6,400	7,900	6,600
	Aug	16,200	3,100	13,200	7,900	6,300	8,300	6,800
	Jul	16,300	2,900	13,300	8,100	6,500	8,200	6,800
	Jun	15,800	2,800	13,000	7,700	6,300	8,100	6,700
	May	15,300	2,600	12,700	7,600	6,200	7,800	6,500
	Apr	15,300	2,500	12,800	7,400	6,200	7,900	6,600
	Mar	15,300	2,400	12,800	7,300	6,200	7,900	6,600
	Feb	15,500	2,500	13,000	7,300	6,200	8,200	6,800
	Jan	15,400	2,500	12,900	7,300	6,100	8,100	6,800

	% Change Jan/05 to Jan/06
Both	
15+	-1.9%
15-24	-4.0%
25+	-1.6%
Men	
15+	-2.7%
25+	-3.3%
Women	
15+	-6.2%
25+	-5.9%

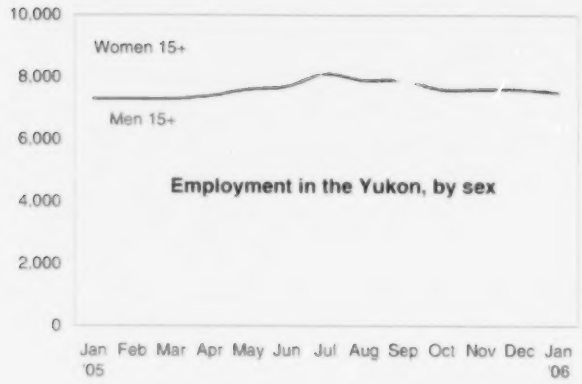
Participation Rate

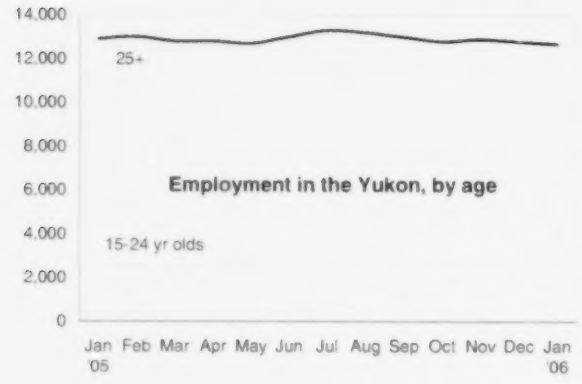
Change (% points) Jan/05 to Jan/06			By age			By sex & age			
						Men		Women	
			15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
			----------%			----------%			
Both									
15+	-2.3	**2006** Jan	73.6	64.3	75.3	74.5	78.6	73.4	73.3
15-24	-3.1	**2005** Dec	74.0	64.3	76.3	74.5	78.6	73.4	74.2
25+	-3.3	Nov	74.4	66.7	76.9	75.5	78.6	73.4	74.2
Men		Oct	74.9	64.3	76.9	76.4	78.6	73.4	75.3
15+	-0.3	Sep	76.7	73.8	77.5	79.2	79.8	75.2	75.3
25+	0.0	Aug	79.5	81.0	79.2	80.2	79.8	78.9	78.7
Women		Jul	79.1	78.6	79.2	80.2	79.8	78.0	78.7
15+	-3.7	Jun	78.1	73.8	79.2	79.2	81.0	77.1	77.5
25+	-6.2	May	75.8	66.7	77.5	77.4	81.0	73.4	76.1
		Apr	75.3	62.8	78.0	76.4	79.8	74.3	76.1
		Mar	74.5	65.1	76.9	75.7	78.6	74.3	76.1
		Feb	76.4	65.1	78.6	74.8	78.6	78.0	79.5
		Jan	75.9	67.4	78.6	74.8	78.6	77.1	79.5

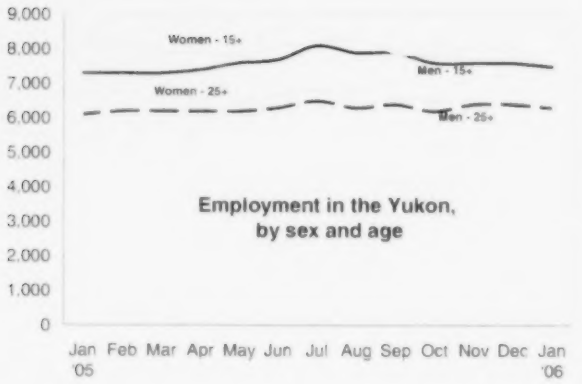
Employment Rate

		By age			By sex & age			
					Men		Women	
		15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
		----------%			----------%			
2006	Jan	69.9	57.1	73.0	70.8	75.0	69.7	71.1
2005	Dec	71.2	57.1	74.0	71.7	76.2	70.6	73.0
	Nov	71.2	59.5	74.6	71.7	76.2	70.6	73.0
	Oct	71.2	61.9	74.0	71.7	73.8	71.6	73.0
	Sep	73.5	66.7	75.1	74.5	76.2	72.5	74.2
	Aug	75.3	73.8	76.3	74.5	75.0	76.1	76.4
	Jul	75.8	69.0	76.9	76.4	77.4	75.2	76.4
	Jun	73.5	66.7	75.1	72.6	75.0	74.3	75.3
	May	71.2	61.9	73.4	71.7	73.8	71.6	73.9
	Apr	71.2	58.1	74.0	69.8	73.8	72.5	75.0
	Mar	70.8	55.8	74.0	68.2	73.8	72.5	75.0
	Feb	71.8	58.1	75.1	68.2	73.8	75.2	77.3
	Jan	71.3	58.1	74.6	68.2	72.6	74.3	77.3

Change (% points) Jan/05 to Jan/06	
Both	
15+	-1.3
15-24	-1.0
25+	-1.6
Men	
15+	2.6
25+	2.4
Women	
15+	-4.6
25+	-6.2







Where the numbers come from

Every month Statistics Canada surveyors in the Yukon, NWT and in each province of Canada interview a representative sample of individuals 15 years of age and older. The surveyors ask these individuals if they were working, or were looking and available for work during the "reference week" (usually the 3rd week of the month). Individuals are counted as employed if:

- *they worked for at least 1 hour during the reference week ("work" includes self-employment).*

Individuals are counted as unemployed if:

- *they were without work but had looked for work in the past 4 weeks;*
- *they had been laid off but were not looking for work because they expected to return to their original work;*
- *or they were not looking for work because they had a new job starting within 4 weeks.*

If someone is neither employed nor unemployed they are then defined as not in the labour force and therefore not counted in the unemployment rate. However, they are still considered to be part of the working-age population.

The survey described above is called the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The Yukon has been included in the LFS since January 1992.

The objectives of the LFS are to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications - employed, unemployed and not in the labour force - and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories.

The LFS is the only source of monthly estimates of total employment including the self-employed, full- and part-time employment, and unemployment. It publishes monthly standard labour market indicators such as the unemployment rate, the employment rate and the participation rate. The LFS is a major source of information on the personal characteristics of the working-age population, including age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and family characteristics.

In the Yukon the LFS sample is designed to represent approximately 83% of the working-age population (Yukoners 15 years of age and older). Yukoners living in unorganized areas, full-time members of the armed forces and people living in institutions are not represented in the sample.

As a "household based" survey, the LFS counts individuals as part of the labour force in the province or territory their home is in. Therefore, if an individual is working outside of the Yukon, in the NWT for instance, but still has their home in the Yukon, they are counted in the Yukon's labour force.

***Suppression of Data**. For the Labour Force Survey in the Yukon, Statistics Canada suppresses any figure which is below 200 for confidentiality reasons. This is to ensure the confidentiality of each individual respondent to the survey.*

Definitions:

1. **Employment**
   Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, did any work for pay or profit, or had a job and were absent from work.

2. **Employment rate**
   Also referred to as "employment/population ratio," it is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The employment rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

3. **Goods-Producing Industries**
   Goods-Producing Industries (or goods sector, or goods industries): includes agriculture, other primary industries (forestry; fishing and trapping; mines, quarries and oil wells), manufacturing, construction and utilities (electric power, gas and water).

4. **Labour force**
   The labour force is the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the survey reference week, were employed or unemployed.

5. **Not in the labour force**
   Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the reference week, were unwilling or unable to offer or supply labour services under conditions existing in their labour markets; that is, they were neither employed nor unemployed.

6. **Participation rate**
   The participation rate is the total labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The participation rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

7. **Reference Week**
   The reference week is the entire calendar week (from Sunday to Saturday) covered by the Labour Force Survey each month. It is usually the week containing the 15th day of the month. The interviews are conducted during the following week, called the Survey Week, and the labour force status determined is that of the reference week.

8. **Seasonal adjustment**
   Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those which are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

9. **Self-employed**
   There are two broad categories of workers: those who work for others and those who work for themselves, namely, the self-employed. The self-employed includes working owners of incorporated businesses, working owners of unincorporated businesses and other self-employed.

10. **Service-Producing Industries**
    Service-Producing Industries (or service sector, or service industries): includes trade; transportation and warehousing; finance, insurance, real estate and leasing; professional, scientific and technical services; management, administrative and other support; educational services; health care and social assistance; information, culture and recreation; accommodation and food services; other services; and public administration.

11. **Three Month Moving Average**
    All Yukon monthly figures, whether seasonally adjusted or unadjusted, are three month moving averages – for example, the March 2004 unemployment rate of 6.0% is actually an average of the unemployment rates for the months of January, February and March. For April's unemployment rate the average will "move" one month over to being February, March and April.

12. **Unemployment**
    Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, were available for work and were either on temporary layoff, had looked for work in the past four weeks or had a job to start within the next four weeks.

13. **Unemployment rate**
    The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

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